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CHURCH NEWS.

THE MEN AND RELIGION MOVEMENT IN ACTIVE OPERATION.

The Death of the Rev. H. W. Byrnes Recalls Historic Incident in Watsessing Church - Local Pastors and the Centennial - General Church Notes.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement workers started an eight-day campaign in Newark and vicinity on Saturday of last week. In a special car about fifty men representing churches of various denominations in Montclair and this town went to the Symphony Auditorium in Newark Sunday afternoon, to attend the mass-meeting held in the interest of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. Led by Merton L. Beebe, secretary of the Montclair Y. M. C. A., and also executive secretary for the Montclair district in the forward movement, the men sang hymns on the trip to Newark. It is estimated that several hundred representatives of the local churches attended the service. Mention was made of the eight-day campaign at every Montclair church last Sunday morning.

The Rev. Horace W. Byrnes died on Friday of last week at his home, 240 Audubon avenue, New York. He was born in New York city in 1861 and was graduated from the Drew Theological Seminary in Madison. He served as pastor in Methodist Episcopal churches in this State, New York and Connecticut. Epworth Methodist Church in Brooklyn was built under his auspices. He retired from pastoral work in 1908 on account of his ill health. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

The first charge held by the Rev. Mr. Byrnes after graduating from Drew's was at the Watsessing Church, where his ministry was marked by a revival that is one of the most important events in the historic annals of that church. Youths who were brought into that church during that revival are now among the old members of the church. Pastor Byrnes was assisted in that revival by a praying band of young ministers from the Drew Seminary, chief among whom were Messrs.

Johns and to India as missionaries and did effective work there. Mr. Goodwin died while a young man, but Mr. Robinson is now one of the India Bishops of the Methodist Church. The late Rev. Mr. Johnson, a former pastor of the Park Methodist Church, was also a member of that praying band.

The centennial week celebration exercises will start on Sunday, June 9. It is anticipated that the pastors of all the local churches will arrange special services appropriate to the occasion. There always has been a profoundly religious side to communal life here during the first century of the town's history, and a prominent place in the observance of the anniversary belongs to the churches.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in Montclair this year, and will open on March 27. Bishop Cranston will preside. The other officers are as follows: District superintendents, Dr. L. C. Miller, Dr. D. B. F. Randolph, Dr. George W. Smith and Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut; secretary, Dr. Frederick Bloom; statistician, Dr. John A. Guttridge; treasurer, Dr. Jacob A. Cole. The conference will be one of the most important that has been held in some years, inasmuch as it will consider several vital questions that will be acted on at the quadrennial general conference which will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., next May.

In the death of the Rev. Dr. Louis Shreve Osborne, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, who died on Saturday of last week, the Newark diocese of the Episcopal Church lost an active and valuable member. Dr. Osborne had many friends here and had preached both in Christ Church and the Church of the Ascension. The Rev. E. A. White and the Rev. W. T. Lipton were among the large body of clergymen in attendance at the funeral service.

The Glen Ridge Choral Society held a meeting Monday night in the Congregational Church.

The Woman's Guild of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church will hold a reception in the church parlor on Monday evening, February 5.

The Men's League of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church will hold a dinner in the church parlor on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.

Miss Bell Lobenstein of New York spoke Sunday evening to a large audience at the Christian Endeavor Society meeting at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church. Miss Lobenstein gave an account of the work in Madura, India, of Dr. Frank Van Allen, a medical missionary representative of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church.

Show your colors! Red and gray predominate just now. If you doubt it, go to Central Hall on February 14 and 15 and see for yourself. You will also see "What Happened to Jones" - Advt.

Big Park Project.

Aldin Squire of 53 Park place, this town, is secretary of the Morris Canal Parkway Association. Other officers of the association are Julian R. Tinkman, Upper Montclair, president; Colonel Samuel Phillips, Dundee Lake, vice-president; Paul Van Dael, New York, treasurer. The Morris Canal Parkway Association has been formed in order to express a sentiment that when the State acquires the Morris canal it shall be maintained as a public parkway.

According to statements in a circular letter sent out by the association the cause is now a parkway in all but name. Through its failure as a commercial venture it has been for years a park enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of citizens. It has been essentially a people's park, a place where the average citizen and his family may picnic and enjoy the country, safe from automobiles and away from the grime and dust of the city.

Among a long list of members of the general committee of the association are A. R. Brewer, W. B. Conklin, Henry G. Cordley, Joseph D. Gallagher and the Rev. C. H. Wilson of Glen Ridge and James N. Jarvie of Montclair.

Glen Ridge Trust Company.

Several prominent business men who live in Glen Ridge have taken steps to establish a bank, to be known as the Glen Ridge Trust Company. It is proposed to have a paid-up surplus of \$20,000. A good share of the stock has already been subscribed for.

The new bank will be located in the library building in Ridgewood avenue, next to the Lackawanna depot. The details of the project are in charge of E. D. Street, who was for several years assistant treasurer of the Bowring Green Trust Company, New York, and is now connected with the Essex Title Guaranty and Trust Company in Montclair. Those who issued the call to subscribe to the stock were Abijah R. Brewer, Joseph D. Gallagher, H. S. Chapman and Edward P. Mitchell.

It is expected that an organization meeting will be held within the next thirty days.

The Alumni Play.

The Alumni Association of the High School have arranged a play.

The play will be given in Central Hall. The members of the cast will, however, continue rehearsing until the above dates, in order that their work shall be accurate in every detail. The slight confusion which occurred last year over the obtaining of reserved seats will be avoided this time. Ordinary tickets may be exchanged for reserved seats at Wood's drug store on Friday evening, February 9, at 8:30. This hour is more suitable for a majority of the patrons than 8 o'clock in the morning. No one person will be allowed to exchange more than ten tickets for reserved seats. The management believes this arrangement will enable all to secure desirable seats and prevent any misunderstanding.

Board of Education.

The members of recently appointed Board of Education met Thursday night and organized by electing Thomas Oakes, president; Frederic M. Davis, vice-president; William A. Baldwin, clerk. President Oakes appointed the following committees: Instruction, Frederic R. Pile; Dr. Morgan Hughes and Frederic M. Davis. Buildings, Charles W. Martin, James E. Brown and Arthur Ellor. Finance and Supplies, Clarence Van Winkle, William A. Baldwin. Board of School Estimate, Messrs. Oakes and Pile.

At the suggestion of School Superintendent Morris, a special committee was appointed to attend to the part of the schools in the Centennial celebration. Mr. Morris was made chairman of the committee, and Messrs. Brown and Van Winkle are the other members of the committee.

Death of David E. Wright.

David E. Wright, aged fifty-two years, died at his home, 167 Washington street, on Saturday night of last week after an illness of several months. Mr. Wright was engaged in business in New York city. He came to this town about twenty years ago from Brooklyn. The funeral service took place from his late home Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut, a former pastor of the Park Methodist Church, of which Mr. Wright was a member. Besides his wife, Mrs. Kingsley Price of Harrisburg, Pa., and Emilie Wright.

Church of the Ascension.

The order of services in the Church of the Ascension to-morrow is as follows: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.; Good music. Seats free. All welcome.

CANAL ABANDONMENT.

Before the Legislative Committee - Judge Van Syckel Presents Practical Side of the Case - Some Visionary Schemes Advocated.

At the public hearing upon the Morris canal abandonment bill at the State House in Trenton representatives of several municipalities and associations appeared to present their views in regard to the bill. Ex-Judge Bennett Van Syckel of the commission appointed by the Legislature to draw up an abandonment bill explained the present status of the litigation between the State and the Lehigh Valley Railroad (the lessee of the canal) and outlined the provisions of the act. Judge Van Syckel and Attorney-General Wilson drew up the bill, being advised from time to time by Governor Wilson. In substance the facts related by Judge Van Syckel at the hearing were as follows:

"The railroad is to convey to the State all its title to the canal between the Delaware river and the west line of the city of Paterson, together with all water rights. The section between the west line of Paterson and Fiddler's Elbow, Jersey City, is to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between the State and the company, and the section in Jersey City is to be conveyed to the company.

"The railroad is to release its right to the repayment by the State of \$115,000 (which repayment has been decreed by the Court of Chancery) on account of the setting aside of a deed to the company for one of the Jersey City basins. The railroad also pays the State \$500,000 in cash and surrenders its claim to right of exemption from taxation of the canal property and to the repayment of \$750,000 already paid in taxes under protest."

In his statement at the hearing Judge Van Syckel called attention to the fact that the State would not come into possession of the canal until 1974 and that the sum of \$615,000 (part of the consideration that the State receives) represents at 6 per cent. interest, about \$8,000,000 in 1974. In addition the value of the water rights the State receives has been estimated to be \$8,000,000.

"The canal unquestionably belongs to the State," said Judge Van Syckel, "and the State purchased it in 1922," said Judge Van Syckel. "Neither the structure of the canal nor its motive power can be changed before 1974 unless this is done by the railroad company, nor can navigation be abandoned without the consent of both the State and the railroad company. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has consented to the abandonment of navigation and the settlement of suits now pending upon terms that are stated in the bill now before the Senate.

"As I see it, the measure of the State has everything to gain from the passage of this bill and nothing to lose." In addition to the very practical remarks on the part of Judge Van Syckel several visionary schemes were laid before the legislative committee. One was to make a parkway of the canal property across the State. The parkway in mind is probably a speedway for automobiles. Another was the operation of the canal in a commercial way by the State. All such schemes appeared to be based on an erroneous impression that the State can step in at any time and take the canal.

The Newark Evening News says: "That a great many people are laboring under the misapprehension that the Legislature can make any terms it desires and force the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to accept them. Nothing is farther from the truth. New Jersey is one of the high contracting parties with the Morris Canal and Banking Company. That contract cannot be terminated by legislation except with the consent of both parties to the contract. Any bill that will be operative must therefore be approved by the Legislature and the Governor and the Morris and Essex Banking Company, which is controlled by the Lehigh Valley as lessee. The railroad company can veto any abandonment bill even more effectively than could the Governor."

"Too Much Mother-in-Law."

To-night the Hemming-Cooklin Stock Co. will give a performance at Central Hall, when they will be seen in the three-act farce comedy entitled "Too Much Mother-in-Law." This is undoubtedly one of the funniest plays ever written, and will please everybody. One complication follows another and the play is full of side-splitting situations. "Too Much Mother-in-Law" will be preceded by a one-act farce entitled "The Obstinate Family." No one can afford to miss this performance. Go and have a laugh with them, as they guarantee a laugh every minute. There will be bright specialties and a cast of well-known players among whom may be mentioned George W. MacLean, a former resident of Bloomfield. Seats are on sale at Keyler's drug store.

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropractor treats all fest ailments. Office room No. 3 Trust Company building. - Advt.

BOY SCOUTS.

Scout Hospital Squad Organizing - Local Troops will Attend General Powell's Reception - General Scout Notes.

At the last meeting of Watsessing Troop No. 8 B. S. A., twelve Teader Scouts passed the second class examination and will now study for the third degree as first class scouts. This Troop is a very progressive one, has a membership of about forty and within a week or two will pass ten or twelve more Tenderfeet.

The chief scout surgeon has appointed Scout Hospital Squad as a sargent to form a Hospital Squad in this Troop. The idea of this squad is to be instructed in First Aid work so that they in return can teach the members of their Troop the required first aid to become second and first class scouts.

A large number of boys of this town will attend the Scout Rally in honor of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell K. C. B., K. C. V. C., F. R. G. S. at the 7th Regiment Armory, N. Y., next Saturday, February 10, in full uniform. The Hospital Corp of Troop 5 will have a part on the programme. The boys of all Troops that expect to attend will assemble at the Erie (Walnut street) station about 12:30 p. m. to leave on the 12:44 p. m. train and will be in charge of the commissioner.

One week from Monday, the 12th, Lincoln's Birthday, the Scout Minstrel Show will be held. The boys are working hard at their final rehearsals to make this their first entertainment to the Bloomfield people a successful affair.

The best all-around Boy Scout in each city where Lieutenant General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the British Boy Scouts, makes a stop in the course of his tour of the country with James E. Smith, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts, will be selected as aide to the General. He must know all about the streets, the history of the important buildings, monuments and similar things. He must know something about the traps, the method of attending to baggage so that he can save General Baden-Powell much time and also be a source of much information to him. The scout will be selected for the position of honor or by the local council in conference with the state commissioners and different committees. The boy who receives the appointment will will have unusual opportunity to chat with the General and to spend much time with him.

E. S. Martin, Executive Secretary of the Washington Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America has worked up so much interest among school boys in that city in the scout movement that it is found necessary to engage an assistant scout commissioner to handle the scout troops in the public schools.

A statement has been made that there was a rule in regard to the Boy Scouts organization which prevented a Catholic from holding any office in the Boy Scouts of America. When this question was asked James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, by George H. Norris of Philadelphia Mr. West replied: Catholics are officers of our organization from the top to the bottom. The vice-president of the scout council at New York city is a Catholic Priest, Father Francis J. Sullivan. The president of the scout council at St. Louis is a Catholic. There are quite a number of Catholic Priests enrolled as scoutmasters.

Mrs. Livingston Farrand of Boonton, N. J., chairman of a Woman's Committee of the Boonton School Board is planning the organization of a troop of Boy Scouts in several factories in Boonton. While in her position with the school board, she became interested in the boys who got excused from school to go to work in factories.

Question of Veracity.

A question of veracity has arisen between Dr. Richard Cole Newton of Montclair, a member of the State Board of Health, and John H. Waters of Belleville. At a recent meeting of the Belleville Board of Trade Mr. Waters said in the course of some remarks that two members of the State Board of Health had declared in favor of the proposed Imhoff sewage disposal plant being located in Belleville. Mr. Waters did not mention any names, but after the meeting when he was asked who the two members were he referred to, he said that Dr. Newton of Montclair was one of them.

Dr. Newton on being told what Mr. Waters had said emphatically declared that such was not the case, and he further said that it was not within the province of the State Board of Health to pass on the location of the plant, but merely on the sanitary questions involved.

Dr. Newton added that if any one had said that he expressed a preference for any site for the Imhoff works that person was mistaken.

Don't miss the fine opportunity to help the High School and encourage the Alumni. Don't miss a chance to see the former school boys and school girls demonstrating their ability before the footlights. If you do, you'll regret it. - Advt.

Road Convention.

While all the State, city districts as well as rural, is agitated over the proposed issue of \$10,000,000 for better New Jersey highways, the management of the Newark automobile show, which is to be held in the First Regiment Armory February 17 to 24, is planning a road convention in connection with the big exhibit which will bring the road builders, the motorists and the other users of the highways together in a conference which may do much to solve the vexatious problem. The road convention will be held on the afternoon of February 23 and is being arranged under the direction of Joseph H. Wood, president of the Associated Automobile Clubs of New Jersey. Invitations are being sent to prominent State officials, officials of boards of trade, granges and other representative bodies, and many informal acceptances have already been received.

Mr. Pancoast's Will.

The widow and two daughters, Jenny O. Knight and Florence E. Bogert, are named as executors of the will of George W. Pancoast of Glen Ridge, who died January 10, and which was filed for probate Monday.

Cash bequests of \$200 each to grandchildren of the testator, Gilbert Pancoast Bogert, Florence Knight and Helen Knight, and one of \$1,000 to the widow, Sarah Jane Pancoast, are made, and to the latter are left the household goods and personal property.

The remainder of the estate is bequeathed to the executors, as trustees, who are to invest it and pay the income to the widow during her life. On her death the estate is to be divided equally between her children, John Pancoast and Eleanor Pancoast.

The remaining two shares are to be divided equally between the two daughters, Florence E. Bogert and Jenny O. Knight.

Valentine Flurry.

The "Valentine Flurry" to be held next Saturday afternoon and evening, February 10, in the parish house of the Old First Church under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christendom, will be a very unique affair. Over a thousand valentines of every description will be on sale at reasonable prices and one may buy, address, stamp and send the valentines before he leaves. These will be mailed and delivered at the proper time by the post office, which is to be a special feature of the "flurry."

A full supply of cakes, candy and ice cream will be on sale also and there will be every temptation for all to linger long at this affair. There will be no admission fee.

Engagement Announced.

Miss Caroline Langstroth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Langstroth, gave a luncheon to a number of friends Saturday afternoon of last week to announce her engagement to Frederick B. Tompkins of Morristown.

At the conclusion of the luncheon each of the guests was handed a ribbon that was attached to a large cake. At the end of the ribbon, held by Miss Langstroth, was a diamond engagement ring. On the others were favors of various kind. Miss Langstroth is a graduate of the Bloomfield High School and Montclair Normal School. She has been teaching at Glen Ridge.

Men's League Minstrel Show.

The minstrel show to be presented by the members of the Men's League of the First Presbyterian Church next Thursday evening, February 8, promises to be decidedly entertaining. The committee in charge has worked hard to make it a most successful affair and those participating in the show have, by means of frequent rehearsals, brought themselves to the point where they are sure to please. Among those taking part are: J. Herbert Noble, George B. Evan, Reeder S. Whitmore, Walter Underwood, Charles Davis, Edward Crane, Clarence Tower, Douglass Schouler, Leonard Vandervoort and Edward M. Bath.

Bloomfield Avenue Bids.

Bids submitted the previous week by twelve different firms for the paving of Bloomfield avenue through Montclair with granite block on a concrete bed were considered at a meeting of the street and sewer committee of Montclair Council Wednesday night.

County Engineer James Owen and Town Engineer Gerardo Immediato had gone over the bids in advance. They had also made tests of the stone to be used. The committee will report its findings to council Tuesday, February 13, at which time the contracts will be awarded.

Barn Dance.